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FIVE HELD TO GRAND JURY

After Preliminary Hearing at Willard, Suspects in Vijil Robbery back in Jail

FAIL TO MAKE BOND

Strong Case of Circumstantial Evidence Woven by Officers

Sergeant John W. Collier and Under Sheriff W. C. Smith on Monday took the prisoners, held at the county jail for the robbery and assault at the home of Epifanio Vijil, near Progreso, on the night of the 13th of this month, to Willard where they were given a preliminary hearing before Justice of the Peace Otero. Those arrested and charged with the crime are: Doroteo Torres, J. S. Cravens, D. A. Tucker, Francisco Perez, Lazaro Cordova and J. A. Schartz.

The hearing began on Monday afternoon, continuing well into the night and on Tuesday till noon. Attorney E. P. Davies was retained by Vijil to prosecute while Manuel S. Sanchez defended Cordova, and Attorney F. F. Jennings the other five. After hearing only a portion of the evidence for the prosecution, Justice Otero immediately held the whole bunch to the grand jury in the sum of five thousand dollars each. Failing to procure the bonds, the prisoners were remanded to the county jail at Estancia.

Mr. Vijil, his wife and daughter, on the stand, told substantially the same story as published in these columns last week. The brutality of the assault was strikingly depicted by the witnesses. Deputy Sheriff Alberto Chavez, who was one of the officers on the trail and who made some of the arrests, was on the stand several hours. The agent of the Santa Fe at Scholle made a good witness for the territory. While all the evidence in the case is circumstantial, a strong net has been woven around the prisoners and it is hoped a conviction may be secured, especially on account of the brutality of the crime. The testimony traced the prisoners, or at least a part of them, from a sheep camp near Scholle to the house of Vijil, some twenty miles away, across the prairie, along the public highway, through fields, where fences were cut, and back again, a portion of the way over another route, ending near the store of "Tex" Cravens at Scholle. One of the horses used was an extra large one, making a peculiar track easily traced. A spur was found which had been used so roughly that the hair and flesh of the animal spurred was matted around the spur point. A large horse, with immense spur-bruises, the size of one's hand, well down on the body, showing the same to have been ridden by a tall man, was located and proved to be the property of one of the prisoners. Altogether the evidence is very damaging to the prisoners, and proves the efficiency of our officers in running down a gang, which had supposedly covered all its tracks. A conviction in this case would be a lesson to the few "would-be bad men" of our county.

A newspaper will begin publication at McIntosh in the near future, if present plans carry.

Bucklew-Block

Word has been received here of the marriage at St. John's, Arizona of Miss Viola Bucklew, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Bucklew formerly of Estancia, to Vern G. Block, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Block, of Estancia, which occurred on the 18th of this month. Both Mr. and Mrs. Block are well known in the Valley and have many friends here who join in wishing them much happiness through life. They will make their home at St. John's, but are expected to make an extended visit in the valley in a short time.

SPECIAL SESSION

Of Probate Court Transacts Important Business in Several Cases

At a special session of the probate court of Torrance county held at the courthouse in Estancia, Monday, January 24th, Severo Candelaria was appointed administrator of the estate of Santiago Candelaria, without bond. Guillermo Luna petitioned the court to be named as administrator of the estate of Manuelita M. Luna, deceased, his wife. The court required the petitioner to give a bond in the sum of \$6,000.00 and instructed him to make an inventory of the property and present same at the regular March term of court. Mr. Luna was appointed guardian for his daughter, Dolores Luna, aged 4 years, giving a bond in the sum of \$200.00.

Poor Returns from Sugar Beets

A committee of farmers in the New Windsor district in Weld county was set to work the other day to figure out the cost of producing an acre of sugar beets. As a base line 12.09 tons the acre was decided upon for the calculation as this has been the average yield of the district for the last five years. The committee reported its estimate at \$47.45. At these figures the net loss to renters is \$2.45 an acre and to the farmer land owner it gives a profit of only \$12.55. Conservative estimates among farmers who own their own land make it necessary to receive a gross amount of from \$75 to \$80 an acre in order to make the crop at all a paying one and they are insisting that the land shall pay at least \$20 per annum or they will quit growing beets. --Field and Farm.

Purchases Land Here

Wednesday of this week Frank A. Lyon, of New York City, representing the Standard Publishing Company, purchased the quarter section of patented land southwest of town known as the "Pauley Place." Neal Jensen made the deal, the price being \$1,000. Mr. Lyon has been in our valley several days and has become impressed with the possibilities of this portion of New Mexico.

F. F. Jennings, of Willard, was at the county seat Tuesday.

J. W. Wagner has been complaining for a day or two, but we hope his illness will not prove to be serious.

Gomet is Visible Here

For the past week or ten days Halley's Comet has been plainly visible to the naked eye, in the west, soon after sunset. It is traveling toward the Sun, and if it is not deflected from its course by passing too near some large body, will pass around the Sun about May 8th, and will then shoot off away from the Sun into space, on another trip around its elliptical orbit. It gives us some idea of the immensity of space, when we know that it requires seventy-five years for this wanderer to make the round trip. This has been the period of time required for its reappearance ever since its discovery in the 13th century. While it is near the Sun it will be invisible, on account of the overpowering light of the Sun. About April 10th, if there is no error in the calculations, it will appear just ahead of the Sun in the morning. From that time on it will be farther and farther from the Sun, and therefore will be visible for a longer time before sunrise.

District Court Next Monday

District Court will meet in adjourned session at Estancia on next Monday, January 31st, Hon. John R. McFie presiding. The grand jury will reconvene and in all probabilities conclude its work next week. The length of the term of court is problematic, but will probably be about three weeks.

LIQUOR LICENSES

Santa Fe, N. M., Jan. 20.—It is in varying amounts that the saloons contribute to the public revenues in different counties of the territory. In Bernalillo county, the smallest of the twenty-six counties, they pay most, or almost three and a half times as much as in Santa Fe county, while in San Juan county, which is without saloons, the county manages to prosper without a cent from that source. Traveling Auditor Charles V. Safford has compiled the following figures for 1909, as to the receipts of each county from saloon licenses:

Bernalillo, \$17,088.
Colfax, \$9,600.
Grant, \$9,024.
San Miguel, \$7,968.
Socorro, \$7,488.
Mora, \$7,413.
Curry, \$7,027.
Quay, \$6,624.
Taos, \$5,856.
Dona Ana, \$5,472.
Guadalupe, \$5,184.
Santa Fe, \$5,004.
Torrance, \$4,512.
Valencia, \$4,128.
Rio Arriba, \$4,128.
McKinley, \$4,128.
Lincoln, \$3,744.
Roosevelt, \$3,648.
Chaves, \$3,360.
Luna, \$2,937.
Sierra, \$2,503.
Sandoval, \$2,496.
Otero, \$2,208.
Union, \$1,920.
Eddy, \$1,291.

—Albuquerque Journal.

Howard P. Wells, wife and two children came in from Texas, where they have been visiting for the past month. Mr. Wells has a fine farm southwest of town, which his family is holding down, while he holds down a job with the New Mexico Central.

Suit in Attachment

Quite an interesting trial was held in Judge Wasson's court Wednesday. Mrs. L. J. Hayes versus James C. Arrendiell. It appeared from the testimony that Mr. Arrendiell had borrowed a set of harness from Mrs. Hayes and failed to return the same. Mrs. Hayes swore out a writ of replevin and at the trial, the parties waiving their right to a jury, agreed to leave it to the Court. Attorney Ralph Easley for the plaintiff, and Fred H. Ayers for the defence. After the examination of several witnesses and quite exhaustive cross examination by the attorneys, court adjourned for dinner. At 1 P. M. Court reconvened and after a short plea by each of the young attorneys, wherein they both made some good points, the Court found for the plaintiff and ordered the property in question be delivered to her within ten days.

Surveying the Proposed Townsite

Fred L. Hill, recently appointed deputy by county surveyor S. B. Janes, came over from Mountainair Monday and has been at work surveying and platting the townsite of Estancia as proposed for incorporation. The plats will be filed at once, in readiness for final action by the board of county commissioners at the adjourned session the first Monday in February.

INTENSIVE FARMING

More than twelve thousand Southern boys less than eighteen years old planted and cultivated an acre of corn each last year, under the direction of the Department of Agriculture. Persons interested in the experiment in Arkansas, Mississippi, South Carolina and Virginia offered to pay the expenses of a trip to Washington for the boy in each state who raised the greatest amount of corn on his acre. The winning boys will soon visit the national capital.

The average yield of corn to the acre in 1909 was a little more than twenty-five bushels. The South Carolina boy, who made the best record, produced one hundred and fifty-two and a half bushels. The winning Mississippi boy raised one hundred and forty-seven bushels; the Arkansas boy one hundred and thirty-five, and the boy in Virginia one hundred and twenty-two. The average raised by each of the twelve thousand was sixty bushels.

The instructions given to those boys by the Department of Agriculture are available to every farmer in the country. If they should be followed exactly, the yield of corn to the acre could easily be doubled in a single year.

Intensive cultivation is worth while on all crops. The average yield of potatoes to the acre in 1909 was one hundred and seven bushels, but the Maine farmers averaged two hundred and twenty-five bushels, and some of the most progressive of them dug four hundred bushels to the acre. The yield of corn and potatoes depends more upon cultivation and fertilization than upon the soil, and there is practically no part of the United States in which these crops cannot be raised successfully.

It is beyond doubt that larger crops can be produced from ten acres thoroughly tilled than from

Lutes-Cunningham

Mrs. W. N. Bridgford has received an announcement of the marriage of Mrs. Elsie Lutes to S. L. Cunningham which occurred at Peoria, Illinois, on January 12, 1910. Mrs. Lutes was formerly a resident of the Estancia Valley, owning a fine farm about six miles southwest of Estancia, but upon the death of Mr. Lutes returned to the old home at Tampico, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Cunningham will make their home at Tampico. The News joins many friends in the Estancia Valley in extending congratulations.

YOUNG TRAPP WITHOUT BAIL

Father and Brother Give Bond of Five Thousand Dollars Each

Alamogordo, N. M., Jan. 20.—Malcolm Trapp was remanded to jail without bail and his father, Rev. John Trapp, and brother, John J., were admitted to bail in the sum of five thousand dollars each, as the result of the preliminary hearing held here today in the case of territory versus the three Trapps, in which they are charged with having killed Deputy Sheriff McAdams, at Corona, early in January. The hearing was held before Judge Merritt C. Mechem, who sat in the case for Judge Alfred W. Cooley, who is ill. District Attorneys W. H. H. Llewellyn, of Las Cruces, and Edward B. Wright, of Santa Rosa, represented the territory and used three witnesses. The Trapps were represented by Attorneys Gatewood and Graves, of Roswell, and no witnesses were brought forward by the defense in an effort to combat the testimony offered by the territory. At the conclusion of the hearing Judge Mechem announced that he would admit Rev. John Trapp and his son, John, to bail, but that he would remand Malcolm Trapp to jail without bond, to await the action of the next grand jury. The shooting of McAdams at Corona some three weeks ago, caused much excitement in that part of the country, all parties connected with the affair being well known. The Trapps had trouble with McAdams previous to the killing, bad blood being caused, it is said, because McAdams had arrested one or two of the Trapps on various charges. —Albuquerque Journal.

Moore-Wurster

Married Jan. 26th, Miss Alto Moore and Jacob F. Wurster, both of Moriarty. The ceremony which binds these young people for life was performed by Rev. B. F. Summers, pastor of the M. E. Church, at the court house in Estancia. The News wishes this couple a long and happy life, and may all their troubles be little ones. Mr. Wurster is constable and deputy sheriff at Moriarty.

Miss Short moved her piano to the farm Wednesday.

Two or even three times ten acres cultivated as they usually are. The fact that the South Carolina prize-winner raised more corn on one acre than the average farmer produces from six tells a story that should not be lost upon those for whose benefit the experiment was made. —Youth's Companion.

TORRANCE CO. THIRD IN LIST

Of Mercantile Licenses Collected during past Year, with older Counties far Behind

OFFICERS DO DUTY

In Matter of Collection of Licenses, with Credit to themselves and County

Traveling Auditor Charles V. Safford has made his report for 1909 of the poll tax and mercantile licenses collected in each county during 1909. The showing made by Santa Fe county is not a good one and sustains the assertion that the business men and other residents in Santa Fe county pay a comparatively small amount in taxes when compared with the business men residents of other counties. In the collection of poll tax Quay county led having collected almost five times as much as Santa Fe county and Union county is at the bottom of the list. The counties ranged as follows in poll tax collections:

Quay, \$4,073; Colfax, 3,568; Roosevelt, 3,373; Bernalillo, 3,063; Chaves, 2,279; Grant, 2,105; Socorro, 1,759; San Miguel, 1,709; Mora, 1,619; Eddy, 1,525; Guadalupe, 1,390; Rio Arriba, 1,364; Curry, 1,251; Taos, 1,244; McKinley, 1,160; Torrance, 1,123; Valencia, 1,004; San Juan, 960; Otero, 909; Dona Ana, 879; Santa Fe, 875; Lincoln, 870; Sierra, 619; Sandoval, 578; Luna, 575; Union, 474.

In the collection of mercantile taxes Grant county led, the merchants of Grant county having paid four times as much license money as those of Santa Fe county. The saloon licenses are not included in this. The counties collected as follows:

Grant, \$2,893; Bernalillo, 2,521; Torrance, 2,291; Colfax, 1,856; Eddy, 1,790; McKinley, 1,340; San Miguel, 1,554; Chaves, 1,543; Quay, 1,498; Roosevelt, 1,363; Dona Ana, 1,348; Guadalupe, 1,296; Curry, 1,145; Mora, 885; Santa Fe, 777; San Juan, 668; Taos, 665; Union, 650; Rio Arriba, 581; Luna, 562; Socorro, 470; Lincoln, 446; Valencia, 383; Otero, 326; Sandoval, 303; Sierra, 272.

Report of Blaney School

Herewith we publish the report of Blaney School, for the months ending December 22, 1909 and January 21, 1910:

December Report
Number of pupils enrolled 36. Average attendance 27.
The following names are on the roll of Honor: Arley Turner, Annie Averill, Harry Averill, Conrad Riley and Naomi Pugh. To secure their names on the Roll of Honor, pupils must be perfect in attendance, make an average of not less than 85 per cent. in their studies and above 90 per cent. in deportment.

January Report
Number enrolled 35. Average attendance 30.

The following names are on the Roll of Honor for the month: Harry Averill, Walter Averill, Annie Averill, Ethelyn Riley, Reagan Riley and Roger Drury. Mary Drury, Teacher.

Mr. Epler smashed two of his house moving wheels, and had to have new tires put on them.